

H. Res. 599

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

May 4, 2004.

Whereas the University of Connecticut is the first school to win both the men and women's Division I basketball National Championship titles in the same year;

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies men's basketball team won its second National Collegiate Athletic Association championship by defeating Georgia Tech by the score of 82–73;

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies women's basketball team won its fifth National Collegiate Athletic Association championship by defeating the University of Tennessee by the score of 70–61;

Whereas Emeka Okafor was named Co-National Player of the Year, National Defensive Player of the Year, and the Final Four Most Outstanding Player;

Whereas Diana Taurasi was named the national women's Player of the Year, the Final Four Most Outstanding Player and received the Nancy Lieberman Award;

Whereas University of Connecticut Huskies men's head coach Jim Calhoun has led his team to two National Championships in six years, making him one of just seven coaches to ever win two titles during his coaching career;

Whereas University of Connecticut Huskies women's head coach Geno Auriemma has led his team to three consecutive National Championship titles, only the second coach to accomplish this feat, and five titles overall;

Whereas the high caliber of the University of Connecticut Huskies in both athletics and academics has significantly advanced the sport of college basketball and provided inspiration for future generations of young men and women alike; and

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies' championship season has rallied Connecticut residents of all ages behind a common purpose and triggered a wave of euphoria across the State: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives commends the University of Connecticut Huskies men's and women's basketball teams for winning the 2004 National Collegiate Athletic Championships.

Attest:

Clerk.